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1. IT WAS NOTED IN PARA 1 OF REFTEL THAT SWISS 1977 DEVELOP-
MENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REPRESENTED 4 PERCENT INCREASE OVER
RECENT ANNUAL AID LEVELS. ADDITIONALLY, IT SHOULD BE NOTED
THAT MULTIYEAR OVERALL FEDERAL SPENDING PACKAGE PRESENTED
TO PARLIAMENT FEB 14, 1977 PROVIDES FOR ANNUAL INCREASES
OF 8.7 PERCENT IN 1978 AND 18.8 PERCENT IN 1979 FOR
THE AMOUNTS BUDGETED FOR DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE. THESE
PROJECTED INCREASES FOR THE SWISS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
COMPARE FAVORABLY TO THE PROJECTED AVERAGE INCREASE OF
4.25 PERCENT FOR TOAL GOVT EXPENDITURES IN 1978
AND 1979.

2. IN ITS DIALOGUE WITH THE PARLIAMENT AND PUBLIC ON
FOREIGN AID, THE GOVT HAS STRESSED THAT SWITZERLAND,
WITH ONLY THE EQUIVALENT OF 2 PERCENT OF GNP ALLOCATED
TO HELP DEVELPING COUNTRIES, RANKS AMONG THE LOWEST
OF INDUSTRIALIZED WESTERN COUNTRIES IN DEVELOPMENT
ASSISTANCE DESPITE QUITE FAVORABLE TRADE BALANCE WITH
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LDC'S. SWISS GOVT HAS CONTINUALLY STRESSED
THE DESIRABILITY AND NECESSITY FOR SWISS DEVELOPMENT AID
AND THAT MULTILATERAL ASSISTANCE APPROACH IS NOT ONLY
PREFERRED BY LDC'S BUT IS ALSO MOST COST EFFECTIVE
FOR COUNTRY LIKE SWITZERLAND. GOV ALSO HAS POINTED
OUT TO PUBLIC THAT SWISS HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THREE OF
FOUR IDA REPLENISHMENTS THOUGH SWISS ARE NOT IDA MEMBERS. DAVIS

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